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The stent of claim ~~X~~, wherein the distance between adjacent cylindrically shaped elements is less than the width of either a single peak or a single valley.

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The stent of claim ~~X~~, wherein each of the cylindrically shaped elements includes at least three peaks and three valleys.

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The stent of claim ~~X~~, wherein the peaks and valleys have a substantially U-shaped configuration.

WESB REMARKS

This application is a division of U.S. Serial No. 08/823,434, filed March 24, 1997.

Claims 2-24 have been canceled without prejudice and claims 25-32 have been added by this Preliminary Amendment. No new matter is believed to be presented as all of the new claims are fully supported by the specification and the drawings. Thus, claims 25-32 are pending in the application and early consideration and allowance is earnestly solicited.

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